

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Original Claims 1 - 10 (cancelled)

PCT Substitute Claims 1 - 7 (cancelled)

11. (new) An exhaust gas turbocharger for an internal combustion engine, with a turbine adapted for receiving the engine exhaust gas flow, and with a turbine driven compressor for providing intake flow to the internal combustion engine,

wherein the turbine (1) has a flow channel (3) with a radial flow entry section (3a) and a further flow entry section,

wherein a flow ring (7) separates the flow entry cross-section (3a) and the further flow entry section and borders the flow entry cross-section (3a),

wherein an adjustable ring of guide vanes (5) is provided in the radial flow entry cross-section (3a) for variably adjusting the flow entry cross-section (3a),

wherein the flow ring (7) is axially displaceable in the housing of the exhaust gas turbine (1) between a position contacting the ring of guide vanes (5) and a position exposing a gap between the flow ring (7) and the ring of guide vanes (5), and

wherein axial relief boreholes are provided in the flow ring (7) extending between the axial faces of the flow ring for trimming of forces acting on the flow ring (7) when lying against the radial ring of guide vanes (5) in such a manner, that as a result of the reduction in static pressure in the ring of guide vanes (5) the flow ring (7) experiences a resulting pressure in the direction of the radial ring of guide vanes (5).

12. (new) The exhaust gas turbocharger according to Claim 11, wherein abutments or end stops (18, 19) are provided fixed relative to the housing for limiting the axial displaceability of the flow ring (7).
13. (new) The exhaust gas turbocharger according to Claim 11, wherein spacer sleeves (14) are provided in the radial flow cross-section (3a), which determine the minimum axial breadth of the radial flow entry cross-section (3a).
14. (new) The exhaust gas turbocharger according to Claim 11, wherein a seal ring (11) is provided on the radial inner-lying side of the flow ring (7) for sealing against a housing fixed component (13).
15. (new) The exhaust gas turbocharger according to Claim 11, wherein the radial ring of guide vanes (5) includes

adjustable guide vanes (6), which include cover discs (16, 17) on at least one axial end face.

16. (new) The exhaust gas turbocharger according to Claim 11, wherein adjustable guide vanes (6) of the radial ring of guide vanes (5) are mounted in the turbocharger housing via an axial shaft (15a).
17. (new) The exhaust gas turbocharger according to Claim 11, wherein adjustable guide vanes (6) of the radial ring of guide vanes (5) are mounted in the flow ring (7) via an axial shaft (15b).